

## The Longest Shirt

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لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ

Baba: Mansoor, come here, my son. I want to share a beautiful dream of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Mansoor: A dream? Baba, did the Prophet ﷺ also see dreams like us?

Baba: Yes, my dear. But his dreams were special. They were true and full of wisdom from Allah.

Mansoor: What was the dream about, Baba?

Baba: The Prophet ﷺ saw people wearing shirts. Some shirts were short, reaching only their chest, while others were even shorter. But Umar ibn Al-Khattab (RA) was wearing a very long shirt, so long that he was dragging it behind him.

Mansoor: That's interesting! What does it mean, Baba?

Baba: The Prophet ﷺ explained that the shirts represented religion. The longer the shirt, the stronger a person's faith. Umar (RA) had a deep and strong connection with Islam, which is why his shirt was the longest.

Mansoor: Oh! So, faith is like a shirt?

Baba: Yes, my son. Just like we protect and take care of our clothes, we must take care of our faith. If we let it get weak, it becomes short. But if we strengthen it with good deeds, prayers, and kindness, it becomes long and strong.

Mansoor: Baba, I want my faith-shirt to be very long, just like Umar's! How can I do that?

Baba: That's a beautiful wish, my son! You can make your faith stronger by praying five times a day, reading the Quran, being truthful, and always helping others. Every good deed adds a thread to your faith-shirt, making it longer and stronger.

Mansoor: I will pray and do good deeds, Baba! I want my faith-shirt to be the longest!

Baba: MashAllah, my dear! May Allah always keep your faith strong and pure.

Mansoor: Ameen, Baba! And may Allah bless us all with long, beautiful faith-shirts!

Baba: Ameen, my son! That is the best kind of clothing one can ever have.